

Deb's Tour Is a Fine Success

Reports of Camrade E. V. Debs' campaign tour have been received as follows:

The Chattanooga News gave a long report of the meeting on Sept. 13, prefacing it by saying: "Eugene V. Debs, candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, and one of the most eloquent speakers in the country, spoke to a large and very enthusiastic audience at the Auditorium last night. He is possessed of a very earnest delivery and had his hearers with him from the start. Mr. Debs entered the Auditorium at 8 o'clock and was greeted with continued cheering. The speaker was introduced by Mr. R. B. Taggart, Socialist candidate for congress from this district. From the moment Mr. Debs began to speak his every word reached his farthest hearer and filled easily the entire Auditorium. He spoke for two hours, dealing with almost every economic question at present before the public."

The day before the Atlanta meeting on Sept. 14, the local comrades received notice from the pastor of the Wesley tabernacle, which had been secured a month previous, that the meeting could not be held there, because "Mr. Debs was not going to deliver a lecture, as was first supposed, but a campaign speech for himself as candidate of the Socialist party." As a result the local comrades had to get permission from the governor to use the hall of representatives in the state capitol, which was secured after some quibbling over an obsolete law. The late notice of change prevented a large meeting, but Comrade Wilk reports: "We enjoyed a pretty good audience. The hall was well filled and a good many people crowded the galleries. No doubt we could have done better had we not been so shamefully interfered with."

"Comrade Debs' speech was grand and masterly. The report of the morning paper was a very unfair report of the meeting, both as to numbers and utterances."

Comrade Waldhorst writes from Birmingham, Ala., about the meeting of Sept. 15: "I have to report the greatest success with Comrade Debs' meeting in this city. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and hundreds were turned away unable to get in the hall. The constant topic in the streets is the speech of Debs. You can hear about it on the cars and everywhere. Talk about enthusiasm! I had to pull Comrade Debs away from the people to let him catch the train. Many followed to the depot to shake hands with him."

"The comrades of adjoining counties made application for a special train and club rates, but the railroads would give neither, replying 'No club rates for a speech by E. V. Debs.' The United Mine Workers band came from Brookside, free and unsolicited, although on strike since July."

The Birmingham daily papers gave unexceptionally good reports. Comrade Perrin, reports the Little Rock meeting on the 16th: "The house was packed and jammed, no standing room even out in the corridor. Debs was lustily cheered to the echo. Many farmers had come to the meeting from a distance. Debs spoke for two hours and held his audience in rapt attention."

At Fort Smith, Sept. 18, Comrade Dan Hogan says: "We had over 5,000 visitors to town on that day, and would have had at least half that many paid admissions to the park except for a heavy rain which began to fall shortly before the meeting, which was anyway a great success. Comrade Debs was at his best, and many people who had been tottering near the brink of surrender did so. It was a great day for the cause."

Comrade Lowry writes that "the meeting was a success, despite the fact that the politicians furnished free liquor and used their utmost endeavors to keep the masses away from the park. Even the 'Drummers' at the hotels say it was the greatest that they ever heard."

Ben Hanford has been also meeting with much success on his tour through Connecticut and New York and he reports enthusiastically about the growth of Socialist sentiment apparent everywhere. At James town, N. Y., Hanford spoke to one of the best meetings of the trip and the press reports were lengthy and fair.

It is definitely decided that after the Chicago meeting on October 17, Hanford will go through to the Pacific coast by way of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Montana, closing the last eight days of the campaign in California.

Referring to Comrade Fairgrieve's letter under the head of "Correspondence" with regard to the amount of "dough" that corruptionist Heinze was to pay per head for wage slave votes, will some conscientious (?) labor fakir in Lewis and Clarke county rise up and inform us, in these troublous times, how much "dough" per head they (the labor fakirs) received for their work in connection with the Heinze movement at the wonderful "labor" convention.

Crowds Gather to See E. V. Debs

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over in Missoula county that will give him a run—Comrade F. A. Fabert, who has been a Socialist for over 24 years and time and again has voted a lonely Socialist ticket for lo, these number of years in that neck of the woods. By the way, Comrade Henry is not much of a spring chicken himself, having been in the state since '64.

Comrade Scurlock of Canyon Ferry local came along Tuesday. Nothing out of him but Socialism.

Debs says the only man who is conscientious enough to tell his brother union man that in voting the old party ticket he is ignorant, is the Socialist. Guess he is about right. The other fellow gives him the glass hand and the rubber arm before election, and the cold shoulder thereafter.

The three capitalist papers had something to say regarding Debs' meetings in Montana. Clark's responsive Do(or)bell of the Independent concludes, in an ungrammatical hemorrhage, that "Debs is honest, but impractical." He fails to give reasons why he is impractical. What this gallant didactic doesn't know about Socialism, or anything else, for that matter, would fill a book seven hundred times more voluminous than the Encyclopedia Britannica. The popinjay on the Miner made a bigger fool of himself, in shorter space, than the wise one on the Standard. For what Debs stands would make it possible for these lackeys to make an honorable living, other than by writing slush in return for their daily bread.

Comrade Mabie's letter, suggesting a special issue to strew in the thorny path of the modern contortionist, William Jennings Bryan, in his wonderful extravaganza stunt in the interest of Wall street democracy, will in all likelihood be given ear to. Information regarding the "crown of thorns" what-is-it and his dates here will first have to be secured and arrangements with due notice will follow later.

Movemnts of Socialists

National Headquarters,

Socialist Party.

William Mailly, Nat'l Secretary,

The following contributions have been made to the national campaign fund since the last report: Regular contributions, \$807.10; previously acknowledged, \$976.47; total, \$1,783.57. Half day fund, \$99.21; previously acknowledged, \$2,807.24; total, \$2,906.45. Total funds, \$4,690.02.

The donation of \$500 voted to the Socialist party campaign fund by the United Brewery Workers' national convention came at a time when it was greatly needed, as bills for literature for the campaign were pressing the national office.

Of the convention's act Comrade Eugene V. Debs expresses himself as follows: "The action is immensely significant. It is a signal gun that sounds the new departure in unionism—the breaking up of the old and the building up of the new and progressive movement. This will be good news to our comrades and an example that others will have to follow. The plutes will see in this an answer to their citizens' alliance, Sherman Bell, Colorado and injunction program."

In acknowledging the contribution the national secretary said to the Brewery Workers' secretary, Comrade Zorn: "I suppose it is almost needless to say that we appreciate deeply the donation made by your convention. It came at a most opportune time and will assist materially in furthering the campaign for Socialism. Your donation was all the more welcome since it was unexpected, although the generosity of the United Brewery Workmen in all the struggles of the working class was a sufficient guarantee that they would not fail to do their duty this year. It is to be regretted that there are not more trades unions in this country so consistent and energetic as the Brewery Workmen in upholding by word and deed the principles of solidarity of the working class and the



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Enough applications have been secured for an Italian speaker to warrant placing one in the field. Comrade Teopilo Petrella, of Newark, N. J., has been secured for this work, which will include Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania. Dates will be announced next week.

Applications for a French speaker were very few and not sufficient to justify the expense of filling the few dates applied for.

Old Party Politics in

Fergus County

The Republican meeting held in Lewistown last Thursday evening was a great disappointment to even the gayest hearted of the ring. A bunch of kids and a few clerks, whose jobs depended on their presence at the meeting, together with the local band, met the hot air peddlers at the train and escorted them to the hall, where a large but not crowded audience listened to the speeches. None of the local candidates appeared on the stage, although requested to do so by Lindsay, the nominee for governor. The supposed reason is the old bunch were ashamed to be seen at a public meeting together, for "conscience makes cowards of us all."

Lindsay is a tiresome speaker and his mess of ancient platitudes was not dished up in the attractive manner that Mr. Bourquin presented it. Hathaway and Bourquin spoke of the mythical prosperity which they attributed to the republican party, and urged the people to "stand pat," and, as they expressed it, "leave well enough alone." The republicans have come to that point in decay where they are afraid to meet the real issue and, flying from it, talk of standing pat. They have no relief for the 1,500,000 men idle during the busiest time of the year, but stand pat. They tell the squalid, overworked miners to stand pat, while they help Baer to rob them. The wail of anguished children slaving out their lives in the unwholesome cotton mills of the democratic south is hushed by the siren slogan, stand pat. Gaunt forms of men and women, salves in the sweat shops of the republican north, may pause a second in their awful drudgery and cast a yearning look toward this once great party to have their budding hopes shattered with the howl of stand pat. And the toilers of farm and ranch seeking some escape from the long hours of unrewarded labor, are told to stand pat, you are prosperous. These men dare not consider the conditions of the people, so dismiss the suffering millions by stating that all are prosperous but the unworthy, and that it is impossible to have work for all. A coward never won a campaign and the cowardly tactics of the republicans is the surest sign of the early defeat and dissolution of this political campaign of wage slavery, rapine and wrong.

Fergus county has a bull pen situated at the sapphire mine near Utica. The mine is inclosed by a barb wire fence, and if any of the unfortunate miners wander outside the inclosure he promptly receives his time. The reason for this is that the owners are afraid some of the men might discover another deposit of sapphires if they were allowed their freedom; so they, knowing that the dire necessity of the men forces them to barter their freedom for a pitance, have fenced in the grounds and while no notice has ever been posted warning the miners to stay within the inclosure, every man that left it was fired, so the law is established just the same. The company is also guilty of an open and flagrant violation of the state law by compelling all the men, whether married or not, to board at the company boarding house.

John W. Brown—Oct. 2, Wilmerding, Pa.; 3, Butler, Pa.; 4, Franklin, Pa.; 5, Oil City, Pa.; 6, New Castle, Pa.; 7, Charon, Pa.; 8, Toledo, O.

M. W. Wilkins—Oct. 1, Stamford, Conn.; 2, Danburg, Conn.; 3, Waterbury, Conn.; 4, Stafford, Conn.; 5, Willimantic, Conn.; 6, Putnam, Conn.; 7, Meriden, Conn.; 8, Norwich, Conn. Comrade Wilkins will enter Massachusetts on Oct. 10 under the direction of the state secretary.

E. E. Carr closes his work in Indiana at Martinsdale Sept. 29th and will enter Wisconsin Oct. 1. Another speaker will fill Indiana dates contracted for Comrade Chase G. Towner, who will be unable to speak because of sickness. Dates arranged are as follows: Oct. 3, Westport, Ind.; 5, Richmond, Ind.; 6, Marion, Ind.; 7-8, Kokomo, Ind.

John M. Ray—Oct. 2, Litcher, La.; 3-4, New Liberia, La.; 5-6, Lafayette, La.; 7-8-9, Mermenton, La.

Ida Crouch-Hazlette begins her work Oct. 2 at South Bend, Ind., speaking en route to Pennsylvania. Dates arranged are as follows: Oct. 2, South Bend, Ind.; 3, Elkhart, Ind.; 4, Toledo, O.; 5, Lorain, O.; 6, Cleveland, O.; 7, Pittsburg, Pa.

Chas. Pergler, Bohemian Org.—New York City Oct. 1-11.

WORMS

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to ram a lie down the throats of the farmers by telling them that they lived in mansions, and that the bankers were the friends of the tillers of the soil. Others made attempts to reply to her, but they were all of a kind.

Oh! They are coming! The workers will let the advocates of this accursed system know that they cannot be longer fooled by the voice of the siren, but from now on they will listen and follow the voice of reason, which will tend to place them in their proper position socially and industrially, by working co-operatively and collectively as a class for their own betterment.

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